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COAL OUTPUT IMPROVES

LOCAL PARTY GROUPS KEKP KUZBASS MINES HUMMING -- Pravda, No 220, 8 Aug 49

The Kuznetak Coal Basin is now producing much more coal than last year. More than half of the mines in the basin are operating at the rate of production planned for 1950. The "Kuzbassugol" Combine was awarded the Transferable Red Banner of the Council of Ministers USSR on the results of the second-quarter 1949 competition with Donbass coal miners.

The "Leninogol" Trust is an example of how coal production has been increased and other production indexes improved in the Kuznet'sk Coal Basin. All the mines of "Leninogol" Trust long ago exceeded the average daily production rate planned for 1950. The trust is now striving to exceed during this year the Five-Year Plan for volume of production by 5 percent. The Lenin'sk-Kuznet'sk City Committee VKP(b) and the primary Party organizations in the mines have played a leading role in making this progress. Party organizations discovered that increased coal production was being obtained not by the best utilization of superior workers and machines, but by increasing the number of workers in the drifts; however, coal output increased slowly despite this practice. A great number of workers did not meet their norms and so the trust regularly lowered production norms. Norms were set which were lower than the production rates actually attained.

Party organizations uncovered this vicious practice. The Leninisk-Kuznetsk City Committee demanded that the managers of the trust radically change the disposition of the working force. It proposed the introduction of progressive norms and that the increase in coal output be secured not by the number of workers but by an efficient organization of production and by better utilization of workers and machines. This made it possible to release an average of 200 or more workers from each mine, increase labor productivity 20 percent, and greatly increase the output of coal from each mine.

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MINES COMBINES, "Artemugol" Combine, No 121, 5 Aug 49

Gorlovka coal miners exceeded the half-year coal mining plan by 4 percent and increased coal production by 24.8 percent over the first half of 1948. "Artemugol" Combine completed its 7-month coal mining plan by 29 July 1949, fulfilling ahead of schedule its pledge to Stalin; workers mined 100,000 tons of coal, mainly coking coal, above plan. However, "Artemugol" Combine has huge unutilized reserves and possibilities for increasing the output of coal. One fifth of its miners are not fulfilling their norms; coal production could be boosted 1,500 tons per day if all miners were meeting their norms.

Pravda, No 211, 30 Jul 49

Krasnyy Luch -- The "Donbassentrastit" Combine completed its 7-month plan on 29 July. Since the beginning of 1949, the combine has increased average daily anthracite mining by several thousand tons. Labor productivity has grown nearly 18 percent.

Stalino -- The "Stalinugol" and "Artemugol" combines completed the 7-month plan on 29 July. In comparison with the same period of 1948, average daily coal mining by the "Stalinugol" Combine increased 11.7 percent, and by the "Artemugol" Combine 18.1 percent.

Izvestiya, No 137, 10 Aug 49

The "Stalinogorskugol" Trust completed the 8-month plan for production of coal on 9 August. In comparison with the same period of 1948, average daily coal production for the trust as a whole rose 17.6 percent and labor productivity rose 21.4 percent.

ENTERPRISES CITED -- Pravda, No 218, 6 Aug 49

The All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions and the Ministry of Coal Industry have cited the following enterprises for their achievements in the second-quarter socialist competition:

Transferable Red Banners of Council of Ministers USSR have been awarded to the "Kuzbassugol", "Moskvougol", and "Tulaugol" combines, the "Shcherbakovugol" Trust of the "Moskvougol" Combine, the "Kraenarmeyaskugol" Trust of the "Artemugol" Combine, the "Kopeyskugol" Trust of the "Chelyabinskugol" Combine, the "Artemshakhtovostanovleniye" (Artem Mine Reconstruction), "Mosshakhtostroy" (Moscow Mine Construction), "Voroshilovgradzhilstroy" (Voroshilovgrad Housing Construction), and "Stalinskshakhtostroy" (Stalino Mine Construction) construction trusts, and the Stalino Coal-Machinery Building Plant iment LKSMU.

Transferable Red Banners of the Ministry of Coal Industry and the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions have been awarded to the "Sverdlovskugol", "Primorskugol", and "Vostsibugol" combines and 37 other enterprises.

Second and third prizes were awarded to 125 enterprises of the Ministry of Coal Industry.

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FUEL NEEDS IN KAZAKHSTAN EXPANDING -- Sovetskaya Pravda, No 102, 10 Jun 49

Vostochno-Kazakhstan Oblast has large reserves of timber, rock shale, and coal. In spite of this, the population is greatly in need of fuel, because the oblast fuel industry is unable to master the mining of shale and coal. To improve the procurement and supply of fuel to consumers, it is necessary to increase the capacity of the oblast fuel industry in the near future.

SETTLEMENT GROWS -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 150, 3 Aug 49

The coal settlement of Ekibastuz continues to grow. The construction of 16 single-apartment and seven two-apartment houses was recently completed in workers' settlement No 3. The "Irtyshtuglestroy" (Irtys Coal Industry Construction) Trust plans to complete the construction of two new workers' settlements and two school buildings by 28 August 1949.

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